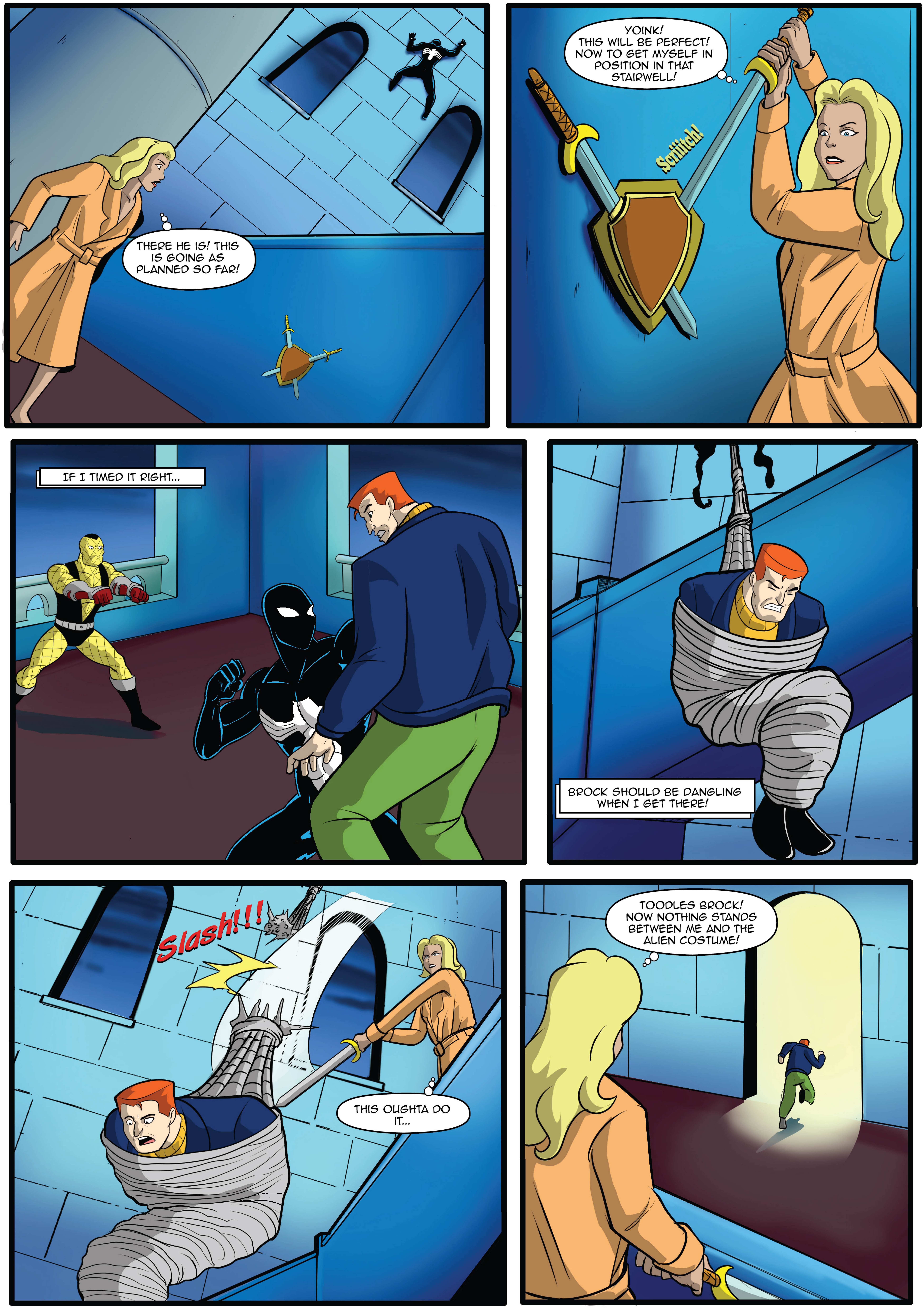
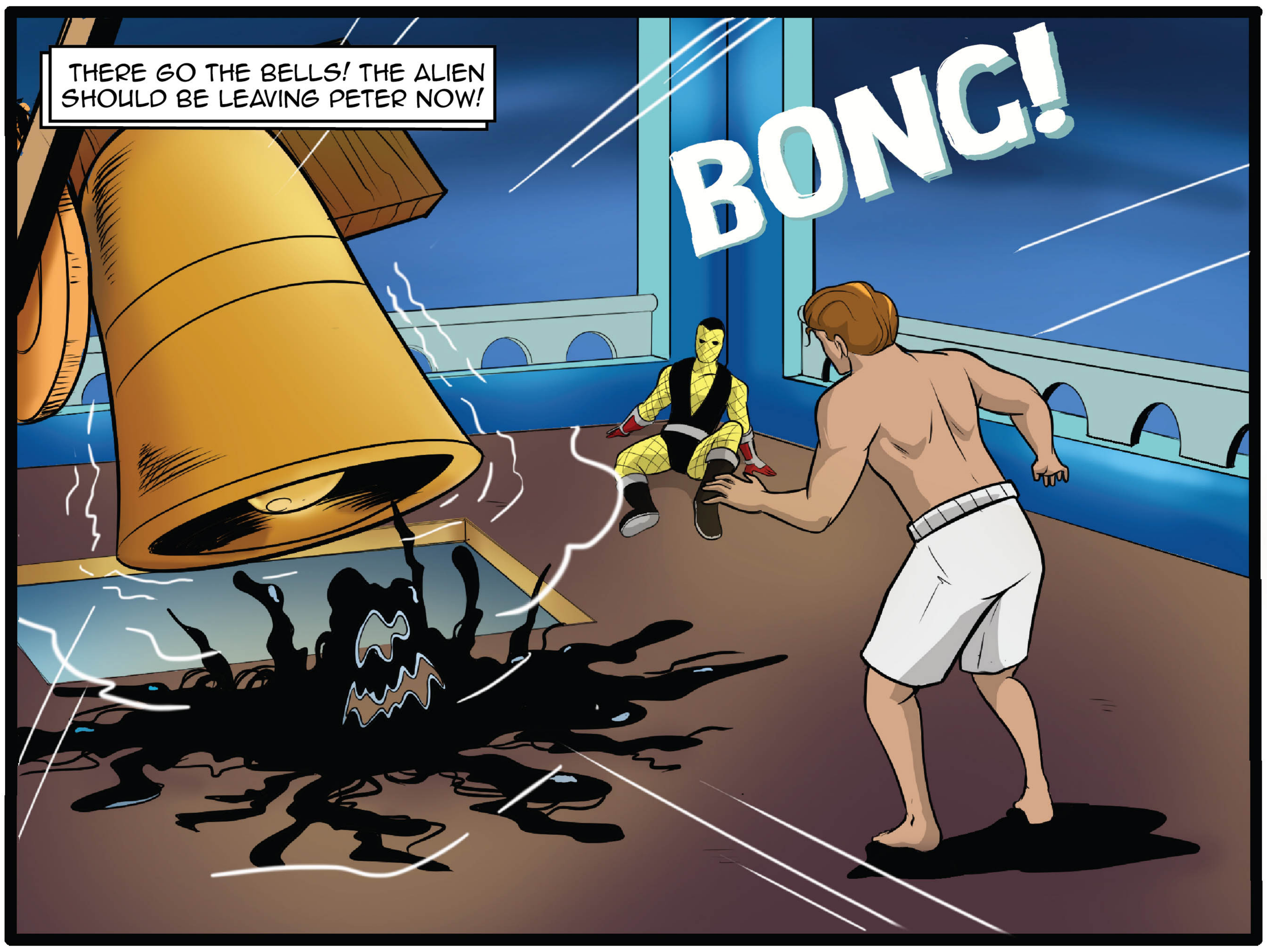
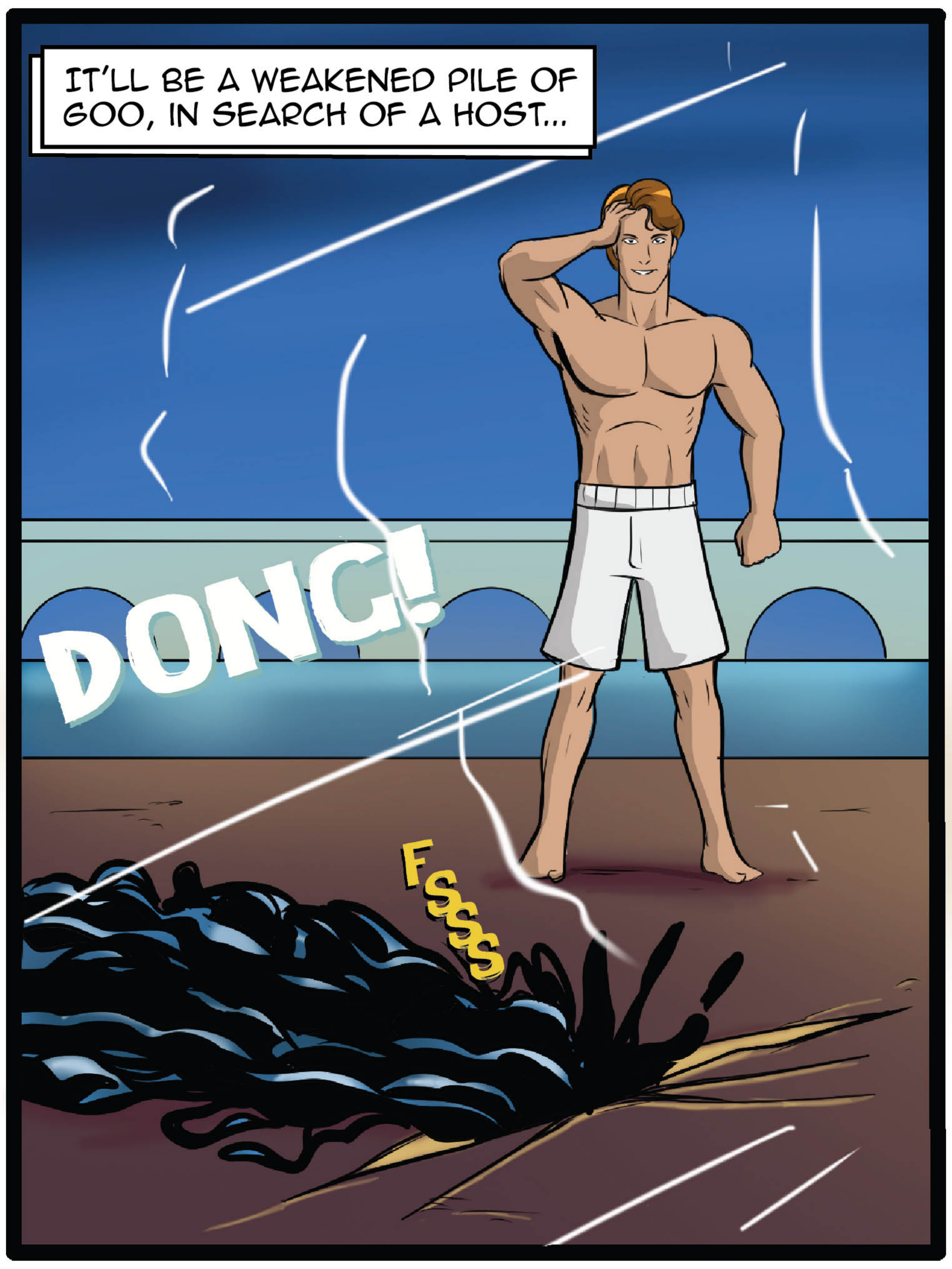
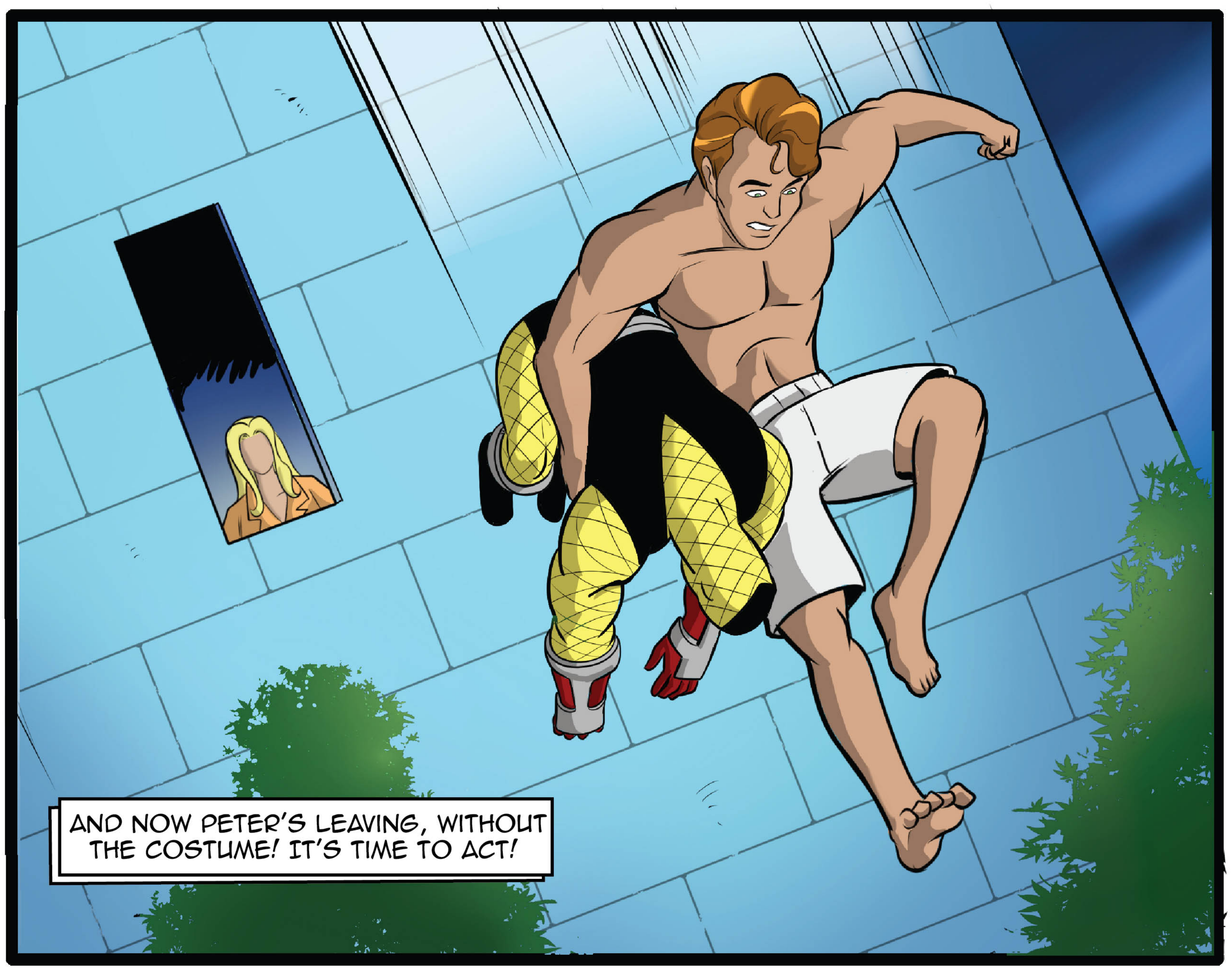
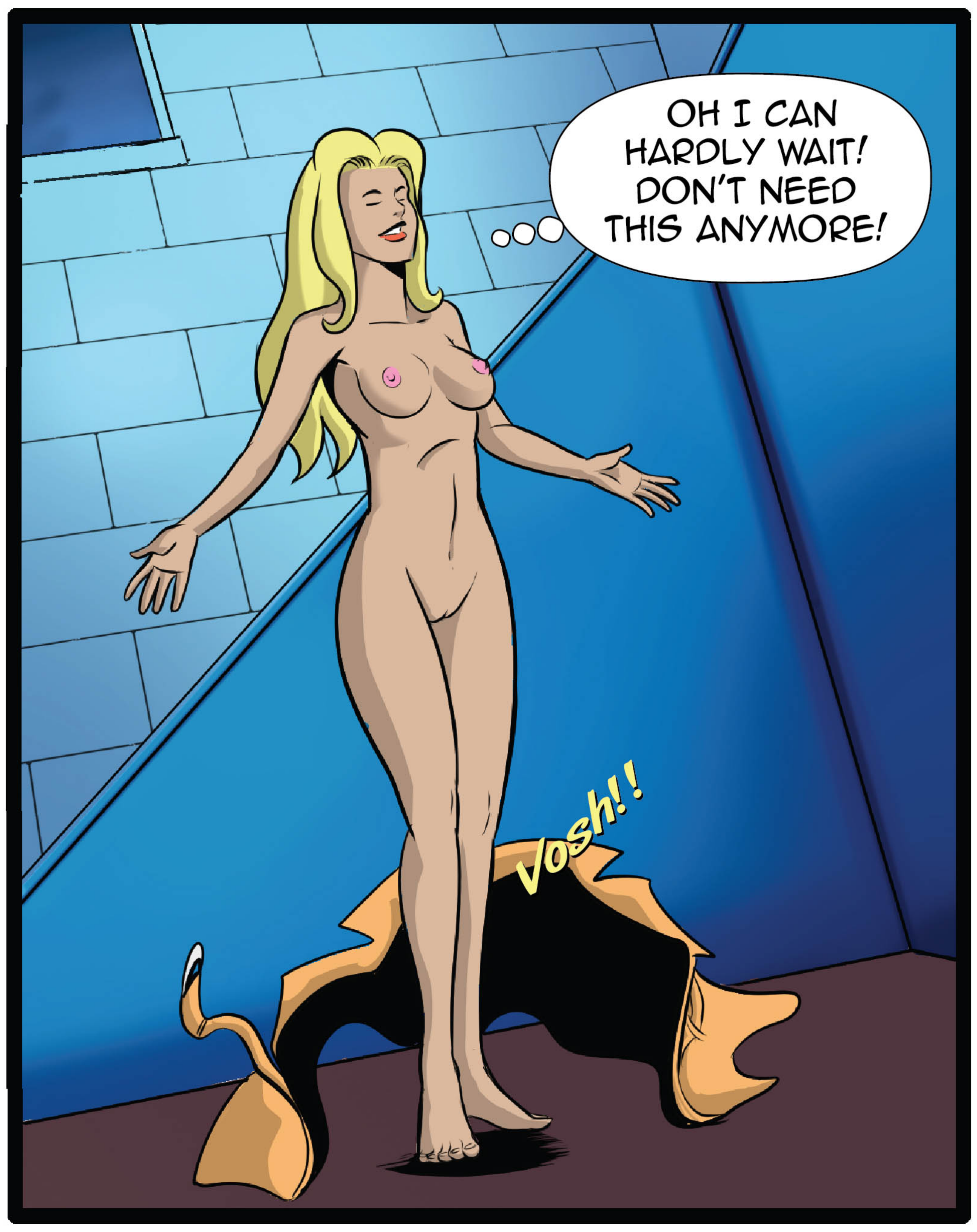
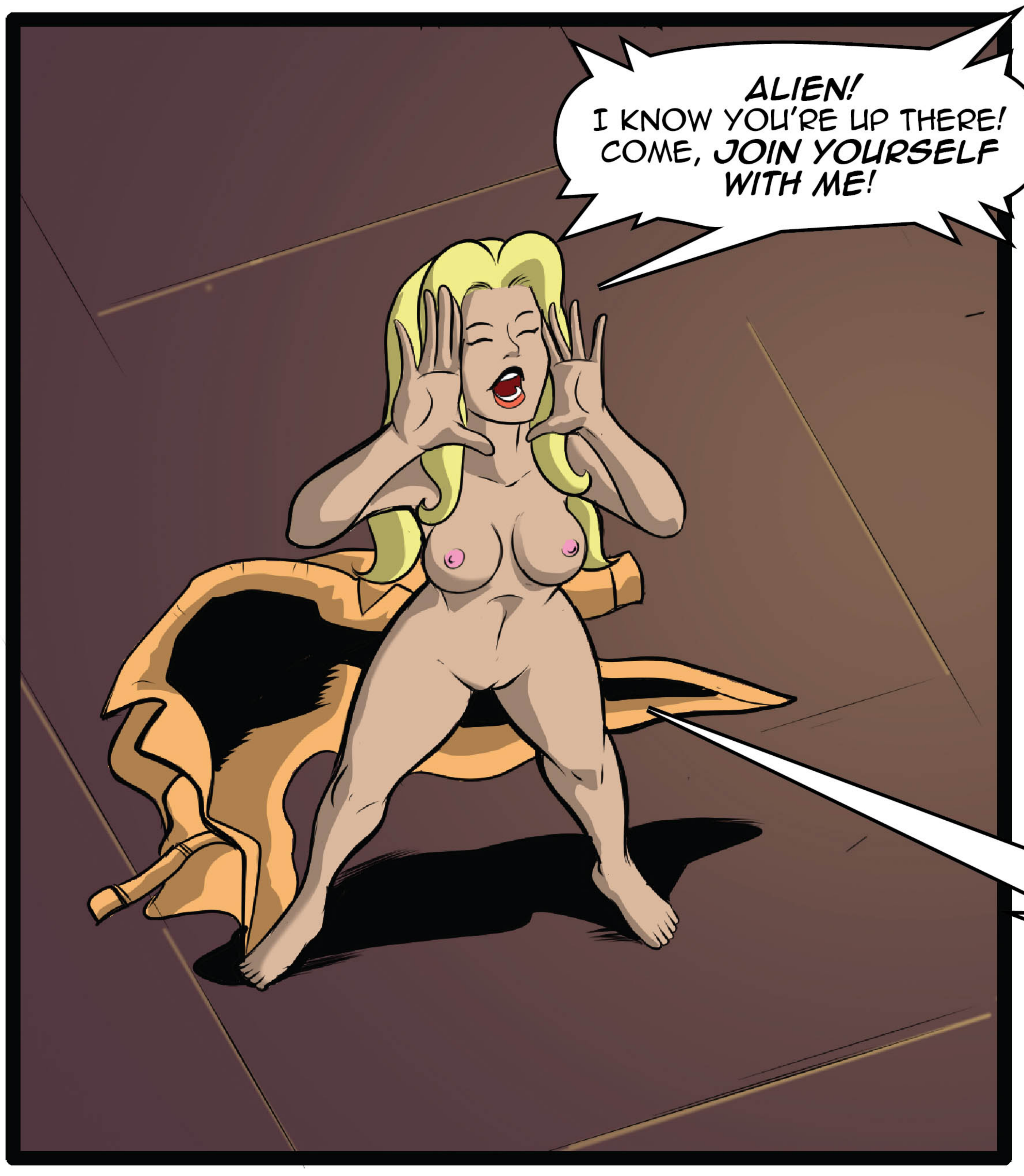

THERE HE IS! THIS IS GOING AS PLANNED SO FAR!
YOINK! THIS WILL BE PERFECT! NOW TO GET MYSELF IN POSITION IN THAT STAIRWELL!
Scriiitch!
IF I TIMED IT RIGHT...
BROCK SHOULD BE DANGLING WHEN I GET THERE!
Slash!!!
THIS OUGHTA DO IT...
TOODLES BROCK! NOW NOTHING STANDS BETWEEN ME AND THE ALIEN COSTUME!

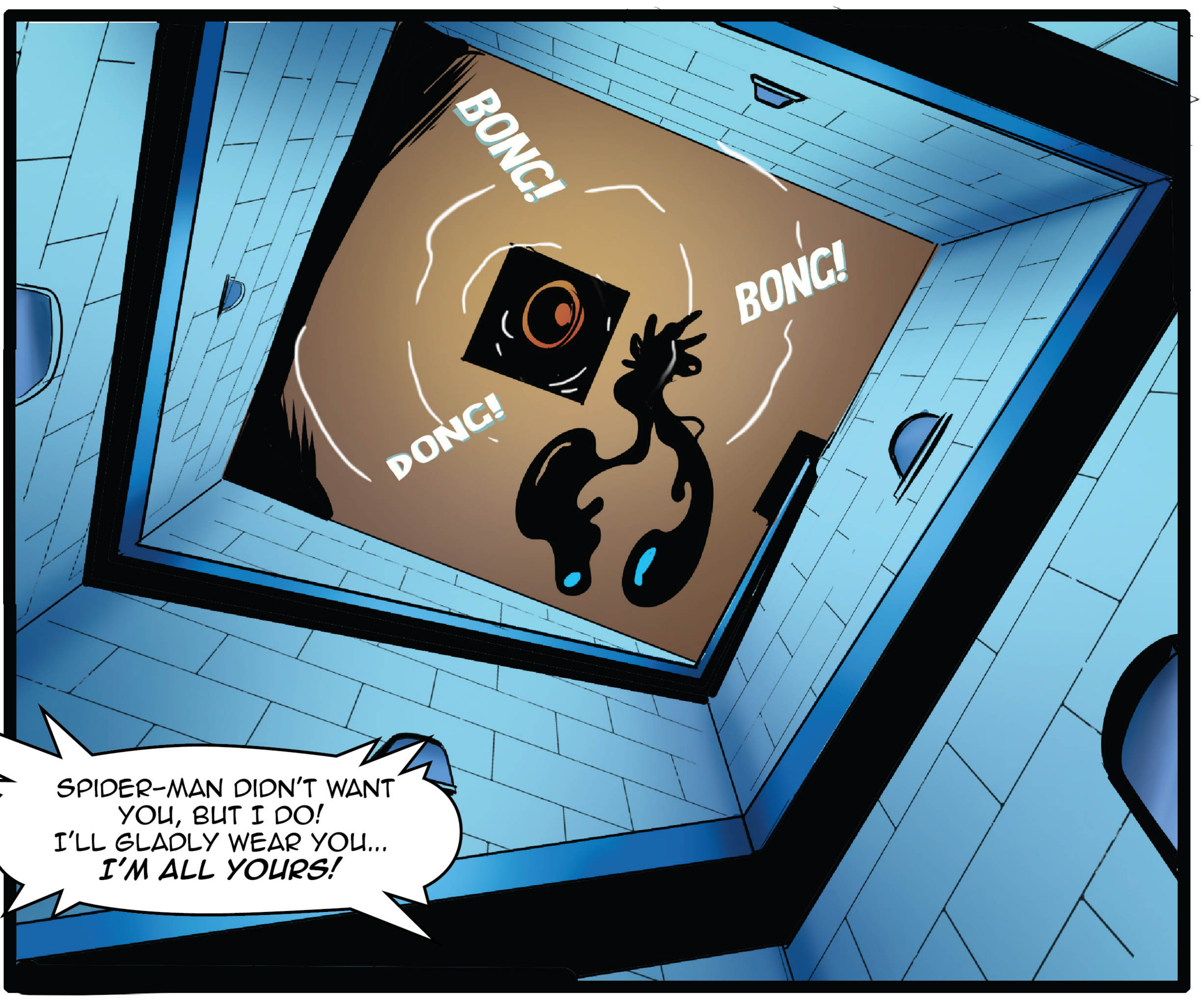

THERE GO THE BELLS! THE ALIEN SHOULD BE LEAVING PETER NOW!
BONG!


IT'LL BE A WEAKENED PILE OF GOO, IN SEARCH OF A HOST...
DONG!
FSSSS


AND NOW PETER'S LEAVING, WITHOUT THE COSTUME! IT'S TIME TO ACT!

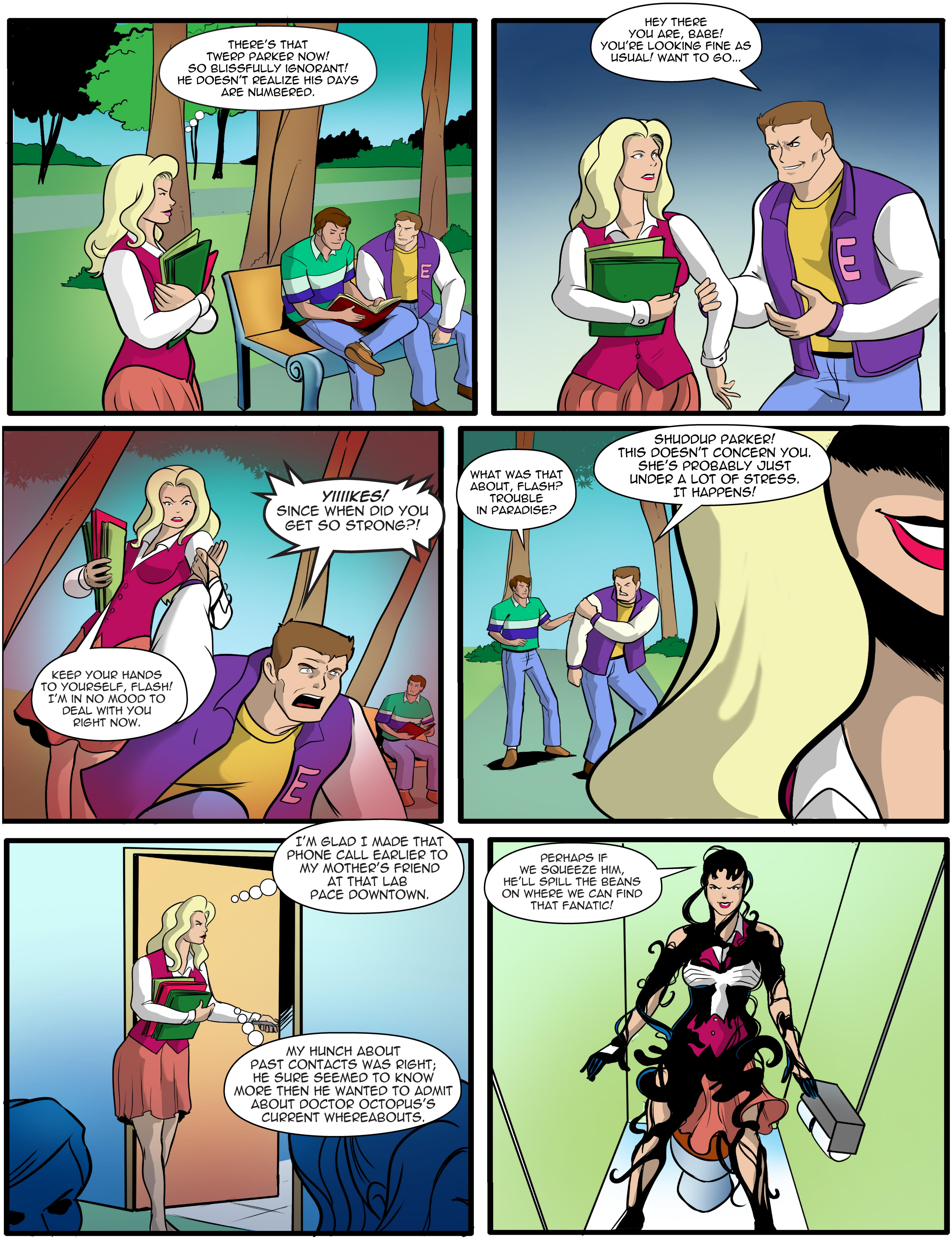

OH I CAN HARDLY WAIT! DON'T NEED THIS ANYMORE!
Vosh!!


ALIEN! I KNOW YOU'RE UP THERE! COME, JOIN YOURSELF WITH ME!


BONG!
BONG!
DONG!
SPIDER-MAN DIDN'T WANT YOU, BUT I DO! I'LL GLADLY WEAR YOU... I'M ALL YOURS!

OH! THERE YOU ARE! YOU'RE COLD RIGHT NOW... BUT...
FSSS
FSSS
... I'M SURE THINGS WILL WARM UP JUST FINE!
FSSS
FSSS
YESSS... MOOOOOORE....
FSSS
FSSS
AHHHH.....MY GODDDDDDD....!
FINALLY... FELICIA HARDY IS NO MORE...
FSSS
FSSS
... TOGETHER... WE ARE NOW VENOMESS! HAHAHA!

FSSS
HAHAHA! HOW WONDERFUL THIS IS!
TO THINK PETER DIDN'T WANT YOUR HELP... WHAT A FOOL!
FSSS
I KNEW WEARING YOU WOULD BE AMAZING! I'M BRIMMING WITH SUCH POWER!
WHAT YOU'RE GIVING ME IS EXACTLY WHAT I NEED IN MY LIFE!
FSSS
'SEE, I WAS HELD FOR RANSOM NOT TOO LONG AGO. I'VE NEVER FELT SO HELPLESS, OR LIKE SUCH A BURDEN TO MY FAMILY.
I NEVER WANT TO FEEL THAT WAY AGAIN, AND I KNOW IF WE ARE TOGETHER, I NEVER WILL!
I CAN TELL YOU WANT TO GO PUNISH SPIDER-MAN... OR SHOULD I SAY PETER...
FOR WHAT HE JUST TRIED TO DO TO YOU... A SENTIMENT THAT I'M NOT AGAINST.
HOWEVER, I THINK WE SHOULD FIRSTLY FOCUS ON MY ENEMY, THE ONE THAT KIDNAPPED ME AND TREATED ME...
...AND MY FAMILY LIKE PAWNS: DOCTOR OCTOPUS!
ONCE OCATVIUS HAS BEEN DEALT WITH, THEN WE'LL TAKE THE SEVERAL POUNDS OF FLESH PARKER OWES US FOR WHAT HE DID TO YOU!
DOES THAT SOUND LIKE A PLAN, ALIEN? GOOD. I'M GLAD YOU AGREE.... HAHAHA!


THERE'S THAT TWERP PARKER NOW! SO BLISSFULLY IGNORANT! HE DOESN'T REALIZE HIS DAYS ARE NUMBERED.
HEY THERE YOU ARE, BABE! YOU'RE LOOKING FINE AS USUAL! WANT TO GO...
YIIIIKES! SINCE WHEN DID YOU GET SO STRONG?!
KEEP YOUR HANDS TO YOURSELF, FLASH! I'M IN NO MOOD TO DEAL WITH YOU RIGHT NOW.
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT, FLASH? TROUBLE IN PARADISE?
SHUDDUP PARKER! THIS DOESN'T CONCERN YOU. SHE'S PROBABLY JUST UNDER A LOT OF STRESS. IT HAPPENS!
I'M GLAD I MADE THAT PHONE CALL EARLIER TO MY MOTHER'S FRIEND AT THAT LAB PACE DOWNTOWN.
MY HUNCH ABOUT PAST CONTACTS WAS RIGHT; HE SURE SEEMED TO KNOW MORE THEN HE WANTED TO ADMIT ABOUT DOCTOR OCTOPUS'S CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.
PERHAPS IF WE SQUEEZE HIM, HE'LL SPILL THE BEANS ON WHERE WE CAN FIND THAT FANATIC!
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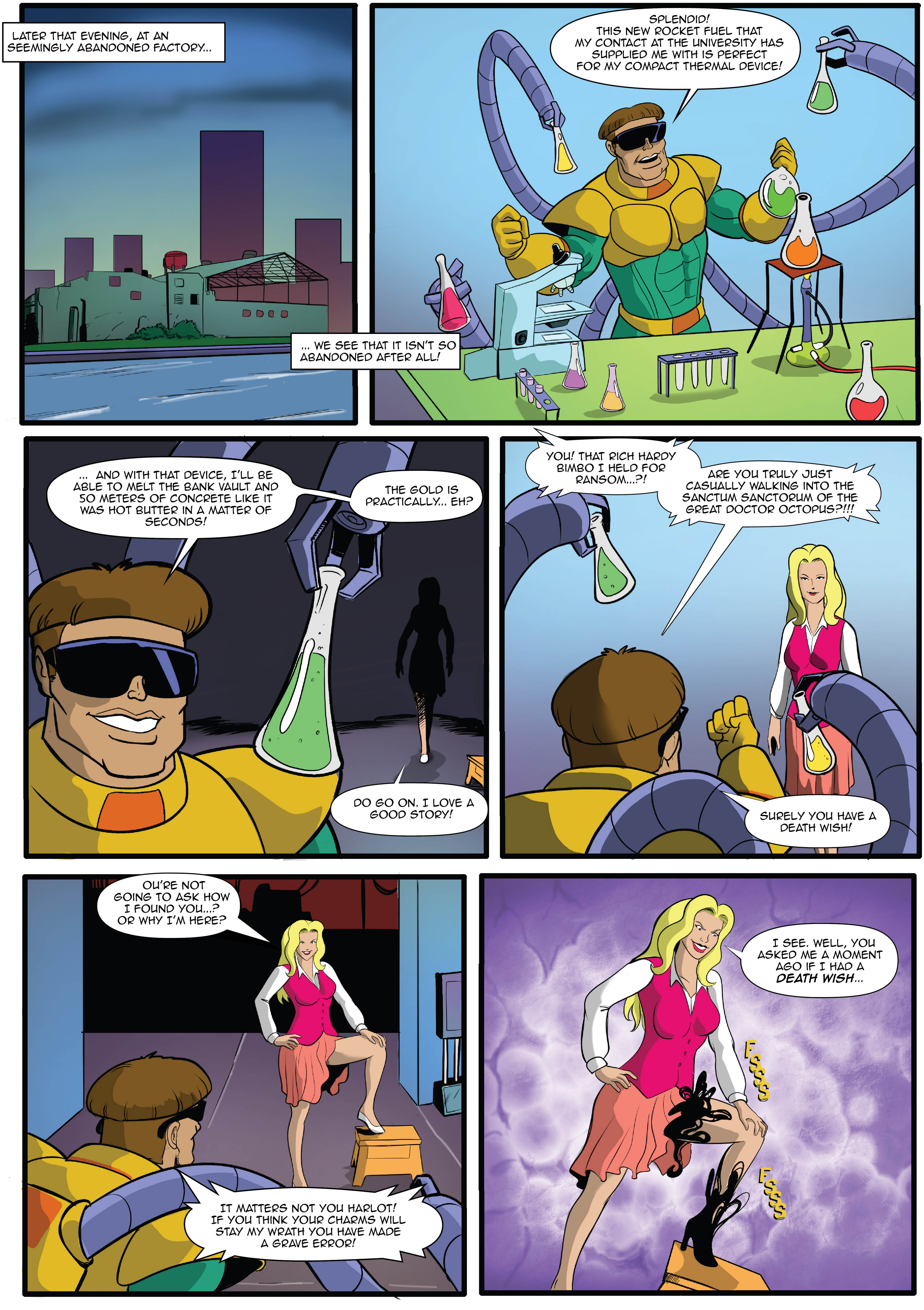
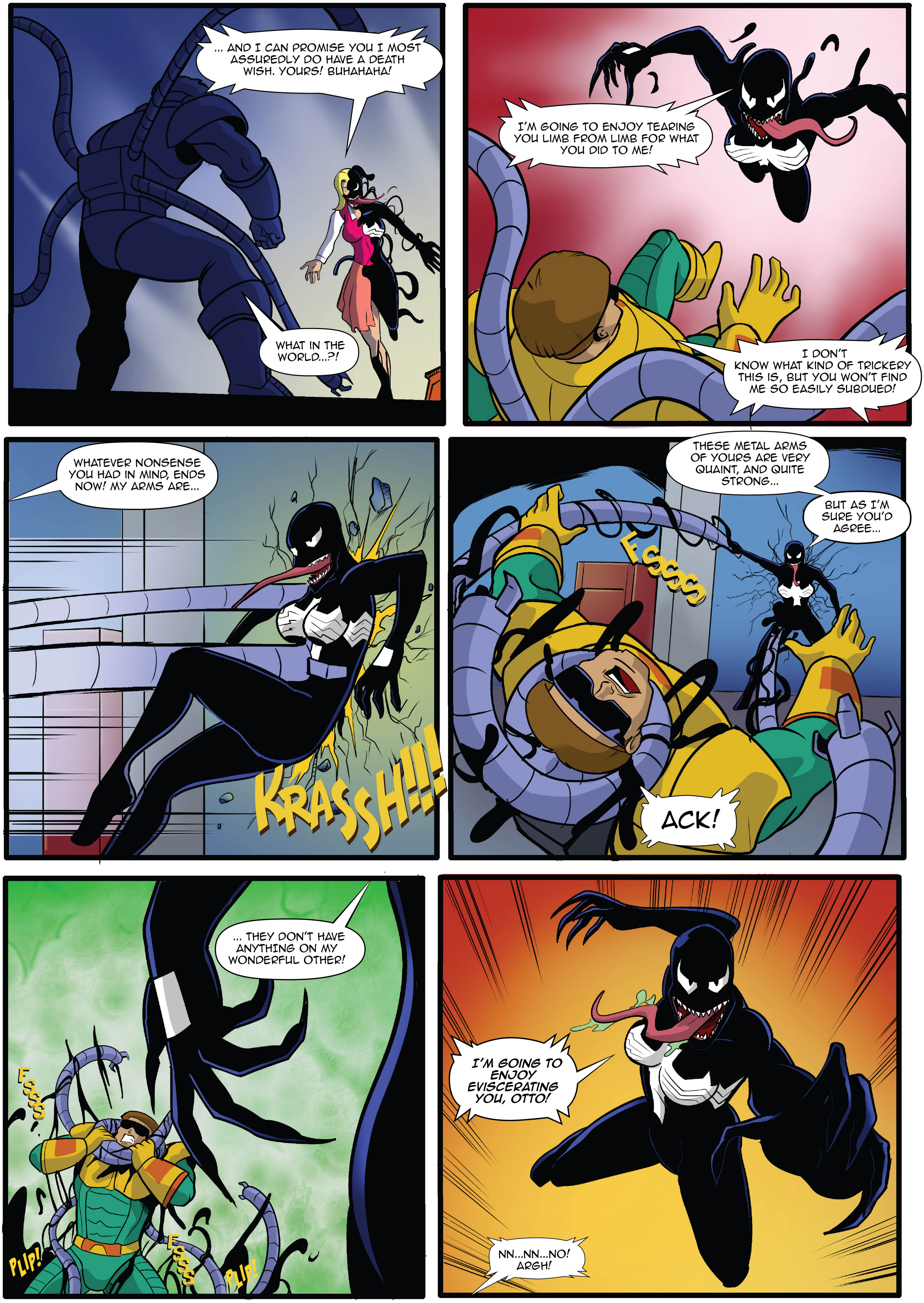

LATER THAT EVENING, AT AN SEEMINGLY ABANDONED FACTORY...
... WE SEE THAT IT ISN'T SO ABANDONED AFTER ALL!
SPLENDID! THIS NEW ROCKET FUEL THAT MY CONTACT AT THE UNIVERSITY HAS SUPPLIED ME WITH IS PERFECT FOR MY COMPACT THERMAL DEVICE!
... AND WITH THAT DEVICE, I'LL BE ABLE TO MELT THE BANK VAULT AND 50 METERS OF CONCRETE LIKE IT WAS HOT BUTTER IN A MATTER OF SECONDS!
THE GOLD IS PRACTICALLY... EH?
DO GO ON. I LOVE A GOOD STORY!
YOU! THAT RICH HARDY BIMBO I HELD FOR RANSOM...?!
ARE YOU TRULY JUST CASUALLY WALKING INTO THE SANCTUM SANCTORUM OF THE GREAT DOCTOR OCTOPUS?!!!
SURELY YOU HAVE A DEATH WISH!
OU'RE NOT GOING TO ASK HOW I FOUND YOU...? OR WHY I'M HERE?
IT MATTERS NOT YOU HARLOT! IF YOU THINK YOUR CHARMS WILL STAY MY WRATH YOU HAVE MADE A GRAVE ERROR!
I SEE. WELL, YOU ASKED ME A MOMENT AGO IF I HAD A *DEATH WISH*...
FSSSS
FSSSS


... AND I CAN PROMISE YOU I MOST ASSUREDLY DO HAVE A DEATH WISH. YOURS! BUHAHAHA!
WHAT IN THE WORLD...?!
I'M GOING TO ENJOY TEARING YOU LIMB FROM LIMB FOR WHAT YOU DID TO ME!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF TRICKERY THIS IS, BUT YOU WON'T FIND ME SO EASILY SUBDUED!
WHATEVER NONSENSE YOU HAD IN MIND, ENDS NOW! MY ARMS ARE...
KRASSH!!!
THESE METAL ARMS OF YOURS ARE VERY QUAINT, AND QUITE STRONG...
BUT AS I'M SURE YOU'D AGREE...
FSSSS
ACK!
... THEY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ON MY WONDERFUL OTHER!
FSSS
PLIP!
FSSS
PLIP!
I'M GOING TO ENJOY EVISCERATING YOU, OTTO!
NN...NN...NO! ARGH!

HA, HA, HA!
SLLLLISH!
GRRRK!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! SOMEONE VIOLENTLY MURDERED DOCTOR OCTOPUS LAST NIGHT! WHOEVER DID IT WASN'T A NORMAL PERSON! THOSE ARMS OF HIS PACKED A WHALLOP AND A HALF!
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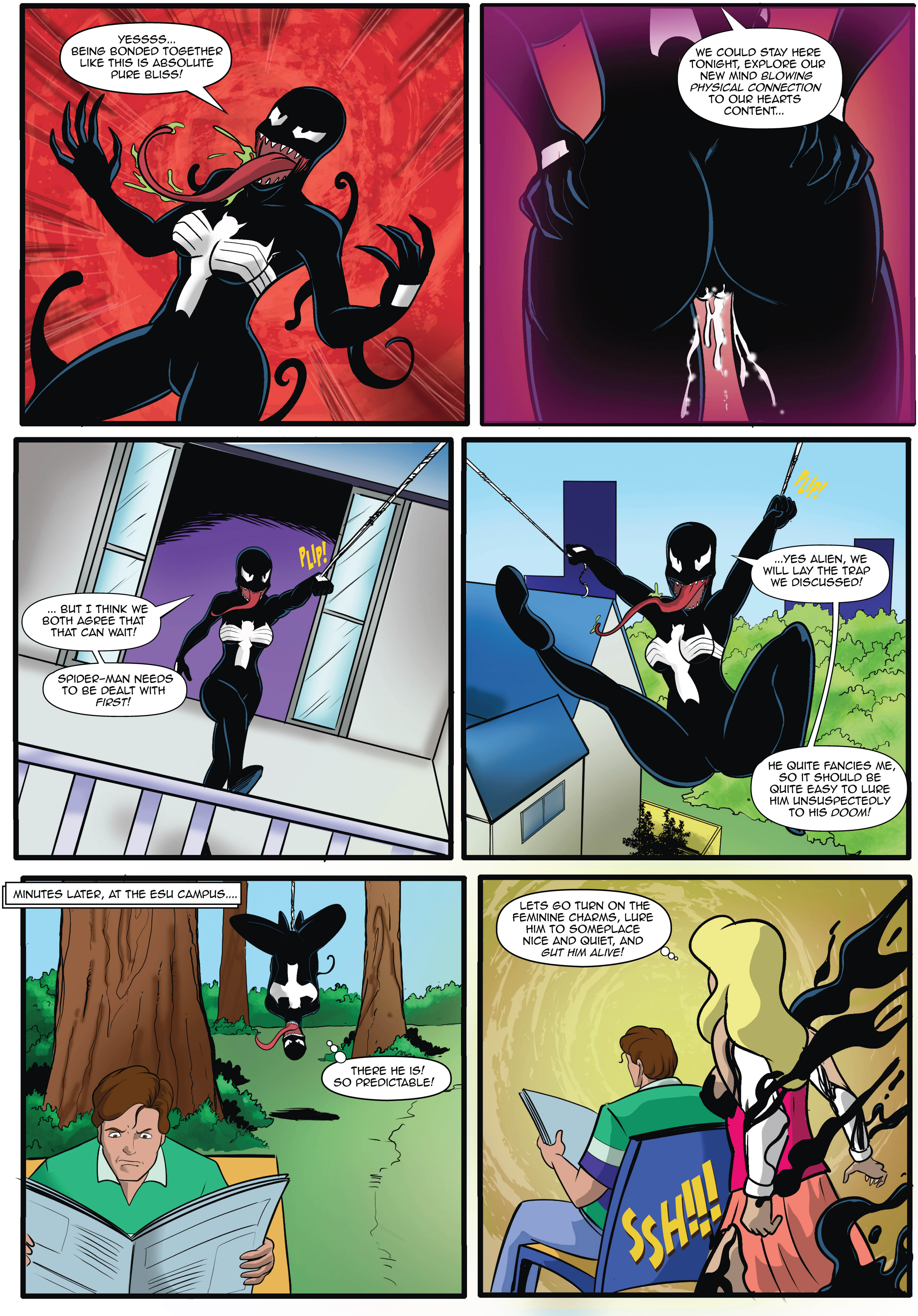
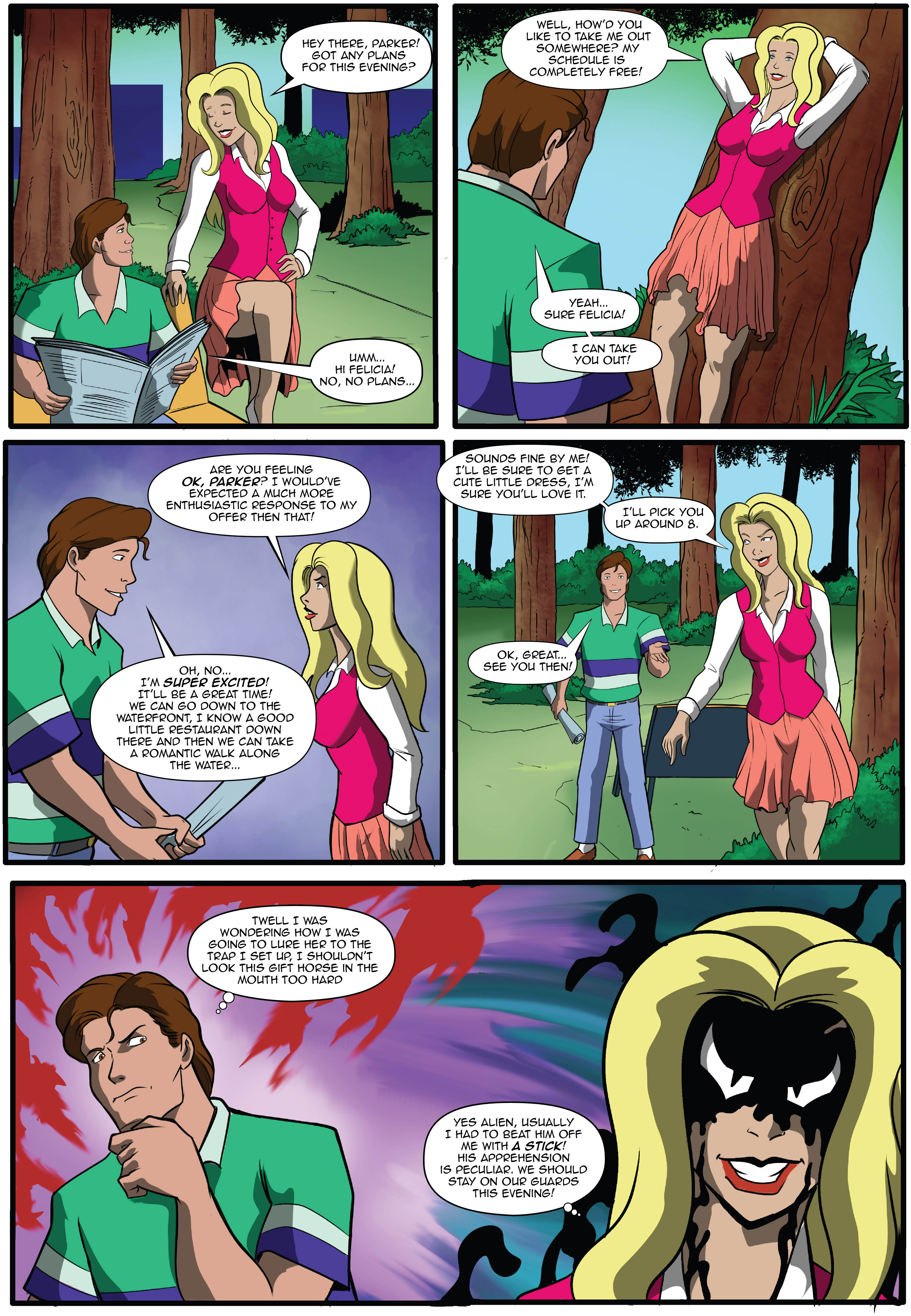
Criminal Mastermind Doctor Octopus found murdered!
The Doctor Octoups as found in a industrial factory
UH, HEY FLASH. WHY THE LONG FACE?
CRAM IT, PARKER. IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.
DOES THIS HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY WITH FELICIA?
YEAH! I DON'T GET IT...I MEAN THINGS WERE GOING PRETTY GOOD, AND NOW IT'S LIKE I DON'T EVEN EXIST ANYMORE!
SHE'S ACTING AS IF SHE WERE A TOTALLY DIFFERENT PERSON!
FLASH MAY NOT BE THE SHARPEST TOOL IN THE SHED BUT HE'S RIGHT!
HER ATTITUDE LATELY, THE STRENGTH SHE'S DISPLAYED, AND NOW DOCTOR OCTOPUS WHO KIDNAPPED HER TURNING UP DEAD...
ARE ALL THOSE THINGS UNCONNECTED? I'VE GO T A SNEAKING SUSPICION I'M NOT GOING TO LIKE THE ANSWER!
ELSEWHERE... AT THE HARDY ESTATE...
THIS UNION OF OURS HAS WORKED OUT EVEN BETTER THEN I COULD HAVE DREAMED! AND SOON, VERY VERY SOON...
OUR BONDING WILL BE COMPLETE AND WE SHALL BECOME INSEPARABLE! OH HOW WONDERFUL THAT SOUNDS!

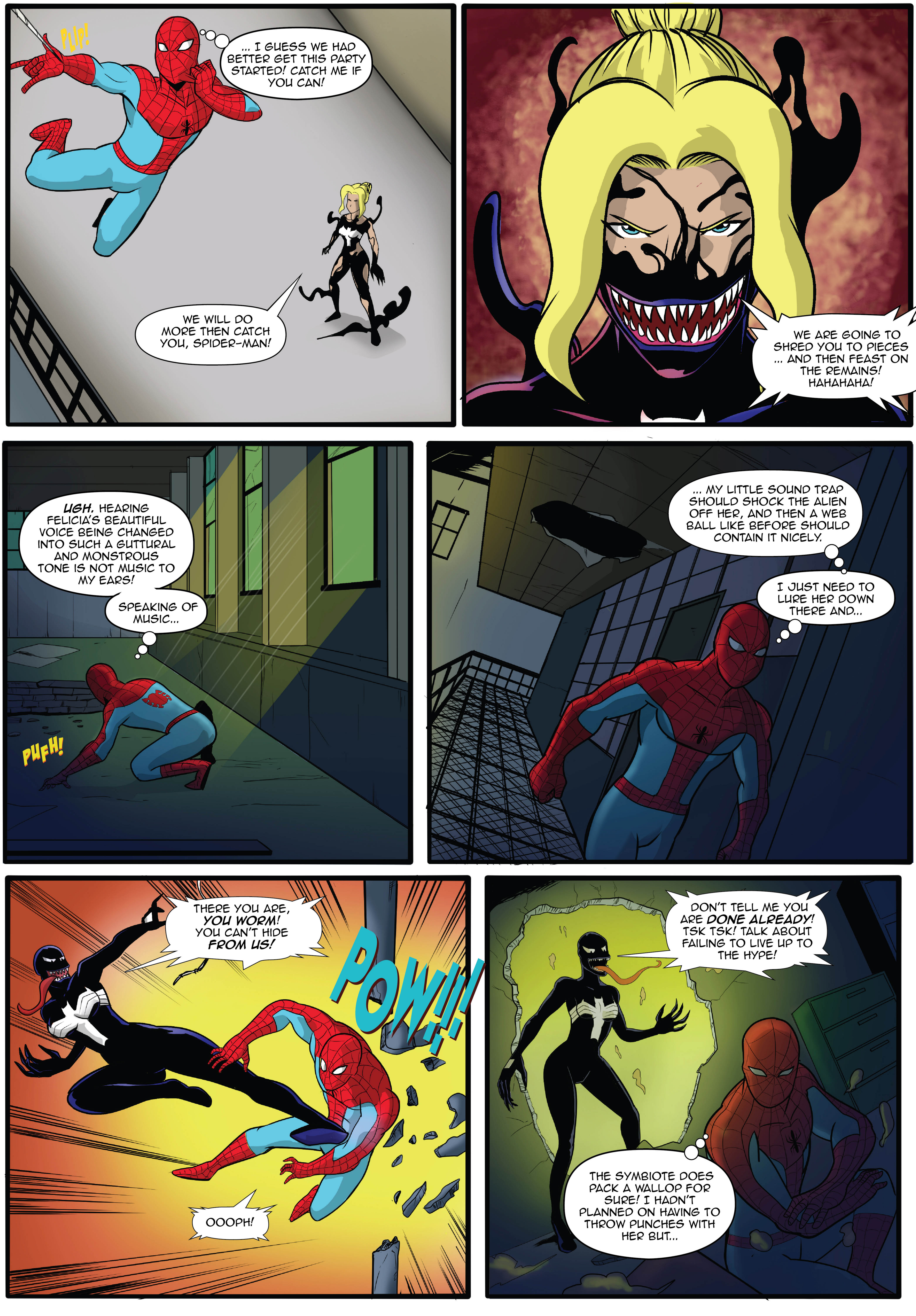
YES ALIEN... ONCE THE BONDING IS COMPLETE, I SHALL KEEP TO MY PROMISE AND WE SHALL FOCUS ON MAKING PETER PARKER'S LIFE A LIVING HELL!
IT'D BE TOO DANGEROUS TO TACKLE SPIDER-MAN IF HE'D BE CAPABLE OF REMOVING YOU FROM ME!
NOT SURE WHAT I HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH SPYING ON FELICIA LIKE THIS, BUT AT LEAST I GOT TO ENJOY THAT VIEW!
THE THING IS, SHE HAS BEEN ACTING STRANGE LATELY, AND THE PERSONALITY PATTERNS SHE'S EXHIBITING... !
THE ARROGANCE, THE INCREASE IN AGGRESSION... REMIND ME OF WHEN I WAS POSESSED BY THE ALIEN SYMBIOTE!
WHO IS SHE TALKING TO...?
WE'LL GO PATROLLING LATER TONIGHT, I DO HAVE SOME HOMEWORK I SHOULD FINISH.
HOLY...! I WAS RIGHT! SHE IS JOINED WITH THE SYMBIOTE! BUT HOW...?! IT WAS SENT INTO SPACE MONTHS AGO!
FSSSS
FSSSS
THAT COSTUME GRANTS THE WEARER STRENGTH ON PAR WITH MINE, NOT TO MENTION FEROCITY AND AN ALL CONSUMING HATRED OF ME!
PLIP!
I'M SURE FELICIA LOOKS BETTER IN IT THEN BROCK OR I EVER DID, BUT I HAVE TO GET IT OFF AND BACK INTO OUTER SPACE OR I'LL NEVER SLEEP SOUNDLY AT NIGHT!

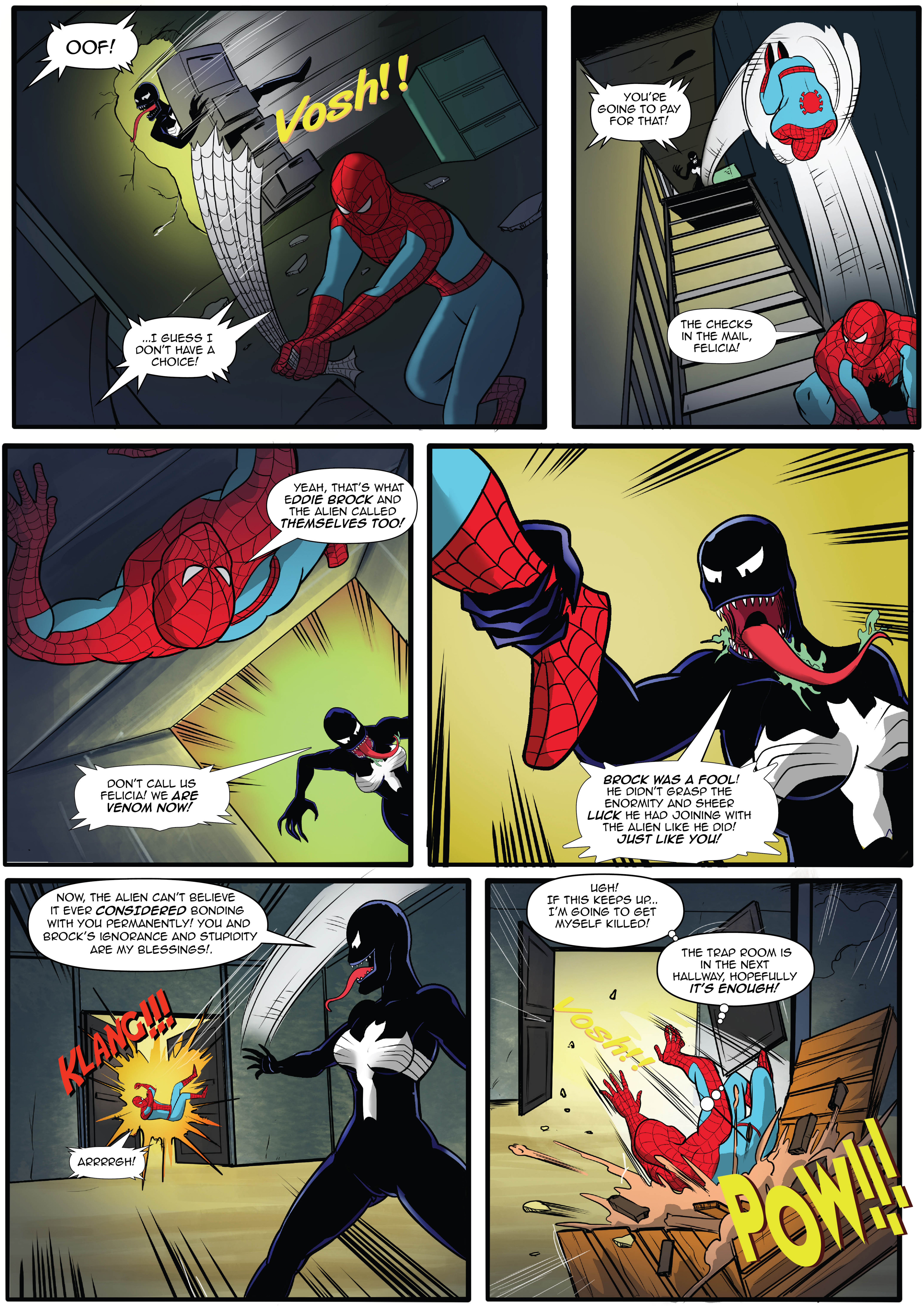
LATER THAT EVENING, AFTER COBBLING TOGETHER SOME SECOND HAND ELECTRONICS...
THIS SETUP IS RATHER CRUDE, BUT SOUND WORKED BEFORE, AND I'M BETTING IT'LL WORK AGAIN!
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS LURE FELICIA HERE SOMEHOW, AND LET THESE BABIES DO THEIR THING!
PLIP!
I CAN ONLY HOPE I'M NOT TOO LATE... FOR ***FELICIA'S SAKE!***
HAHAHA... YES! FINALLY! I CAN ***FEEL*** YOU CONSTRICTING ME,ALMOST CRUSHING ME...
FSSS
BUT ***DON'T STOP!***
FSSS
MAKE US ***INSEPARABLE!*** ONLY TOGETHER CAN WE ACHIEVE WHAT WE BOTH WANT!
FOR ME THAT MEANS NEVER HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT MY FAMILY'S LEGACY ...
AND FOR ***YOU***...
FSSS
... IT MEANS WE TEAR THAT ***WIMP SPIDER-MAN*** INTO TEENY, TINY PIECES FOR ALL THE PAIN HE'S CAUSED! HAHAHA!

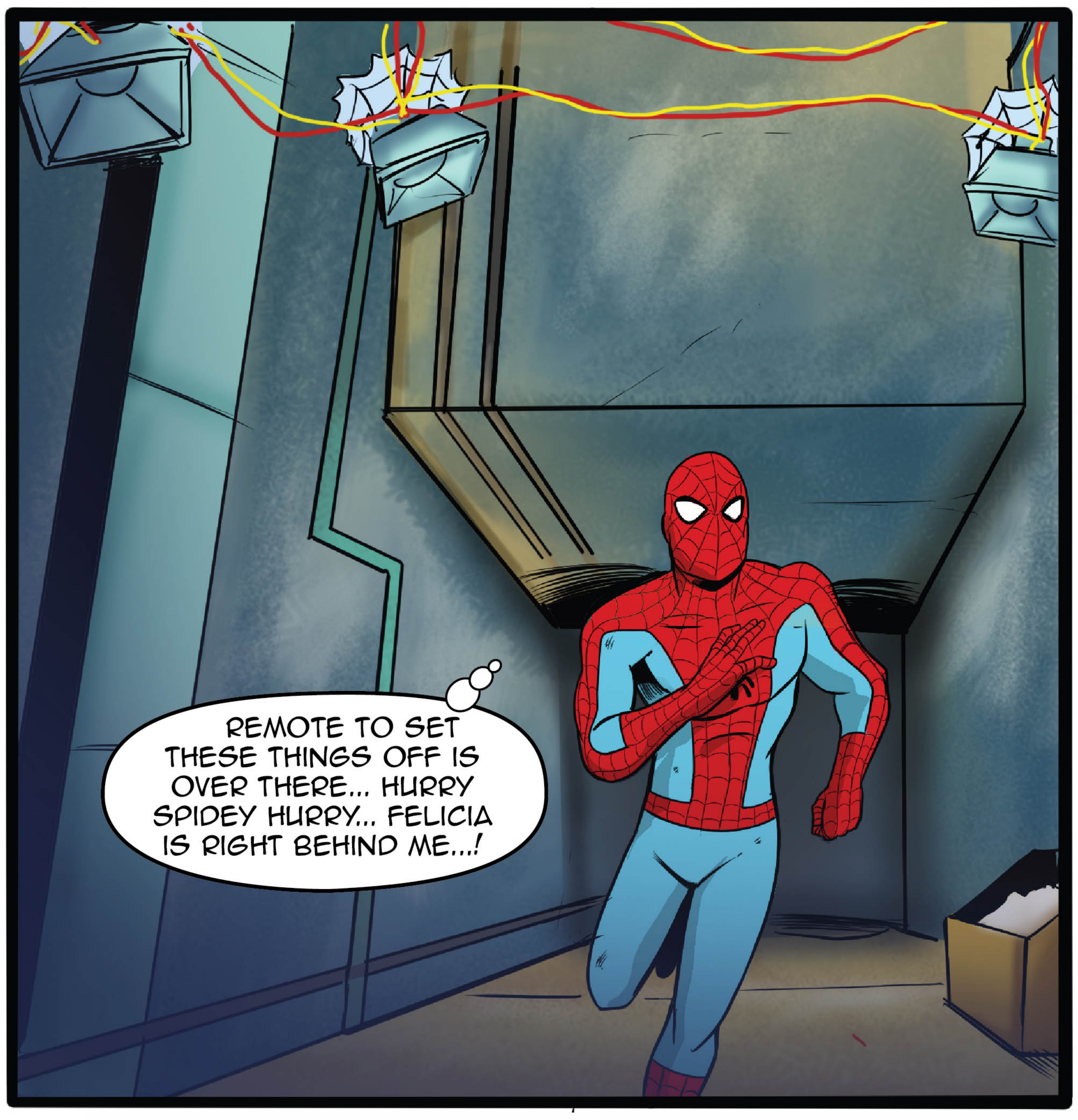

YESSSS... BEING BONDED TOGETHER LIKE THIS IS ABSOLUTE PURE BLISS!
WE COULD STAY HERE TONIGHT, EXPLORE OUR NEW MIND *BLOWING* PHYSICAL CONNECTION TO OUR HEARTS CONTENT...
PLIP!
... BUT I THINK WE BOTH AGREE THAT THAT CAN WAIT!
SPIDER-MAN NEEDS TO BE DEALT WITH *FIRST!*
PLIP!
...YES ALIEN, WE WILL LAY THE TRAP WE DISCUSSED!
HE QUITE FANCIES ME, SO IT SHOULD BE QUITE EASY TO LURE HIM UNSUSPECTEDLY TO HIS *DOOM!*
MINUTES LATER, AT THE ESU CAMPUS....
THERE HE IS! SO PREDICTABLE!
LETS GO TURN ON THE FEMININE CHARMS, LURE HIM TO SOMEPLACE NICE AND QUIET, AND *GUT HIM ALIVE!*
SSH!!!

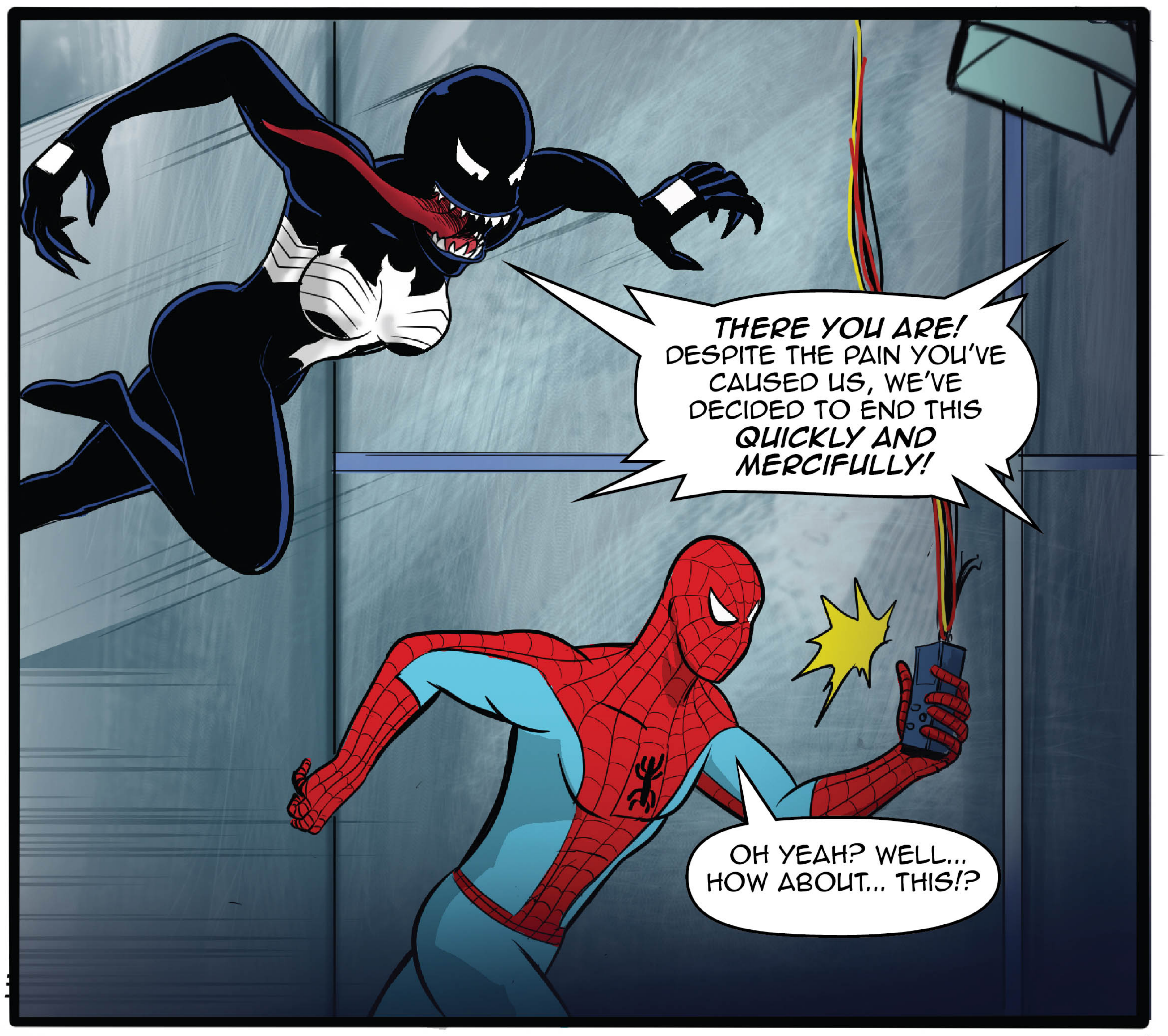

HEY THERE, PARKER! GOT ANY PLANS FOR THIS EVENING?
UMM... HI FELICIA! NO, NO PLANS...
WELL, HOW'D YOU LIKE TO TAKE ME OUT SOMEWHERE? MY SCHEDULE IS COMPLETELY FREE!
YEAH... SURE FELICIA!
I CAN TAKE YOU OUT!
ARE YOU FEELING ***OK, PARKER?*** I WOULD'VE EXPECTED A MUCH MORE ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE TO MY OFFER THEN THAT!
OH, NO... I'M ***SUPER EXCITED!*** IT'LL BE A GREAT TIME! WE CAN GO DOWN TO THE WATERFRONT, I KNOW A GOOD LITTLE RESTAURANT DOWN THERE AND THEN WE CAN TAKE A ROMANTIC WALK ALONG THE WATER...
SOUNDS FINE BY ME! I'LL BE SURE TO GET A CUTE LITTLE DRESS, I'M SURE YOU'LL LOVE IT.
I'LL PICK YOU UP AROUND 8.
OK, GREAT... SEE YOU THEN!
TWELL I WAS WONDERING HOW I WAS GOING TO LURE HER TO THE TRAP I SET UP, I SHOULDN'T LOOK THIS GIFT HORSE IN THE MOUTH TOO HARD
YES ALIEN, USUALLY I HAD TO BEAT HIM OFF ME WITH ***A STICK!*** HIS APPREHENSION IS PECULIAR. WE SHOULD STAY ON OUR GUARDS THIS EVENING!

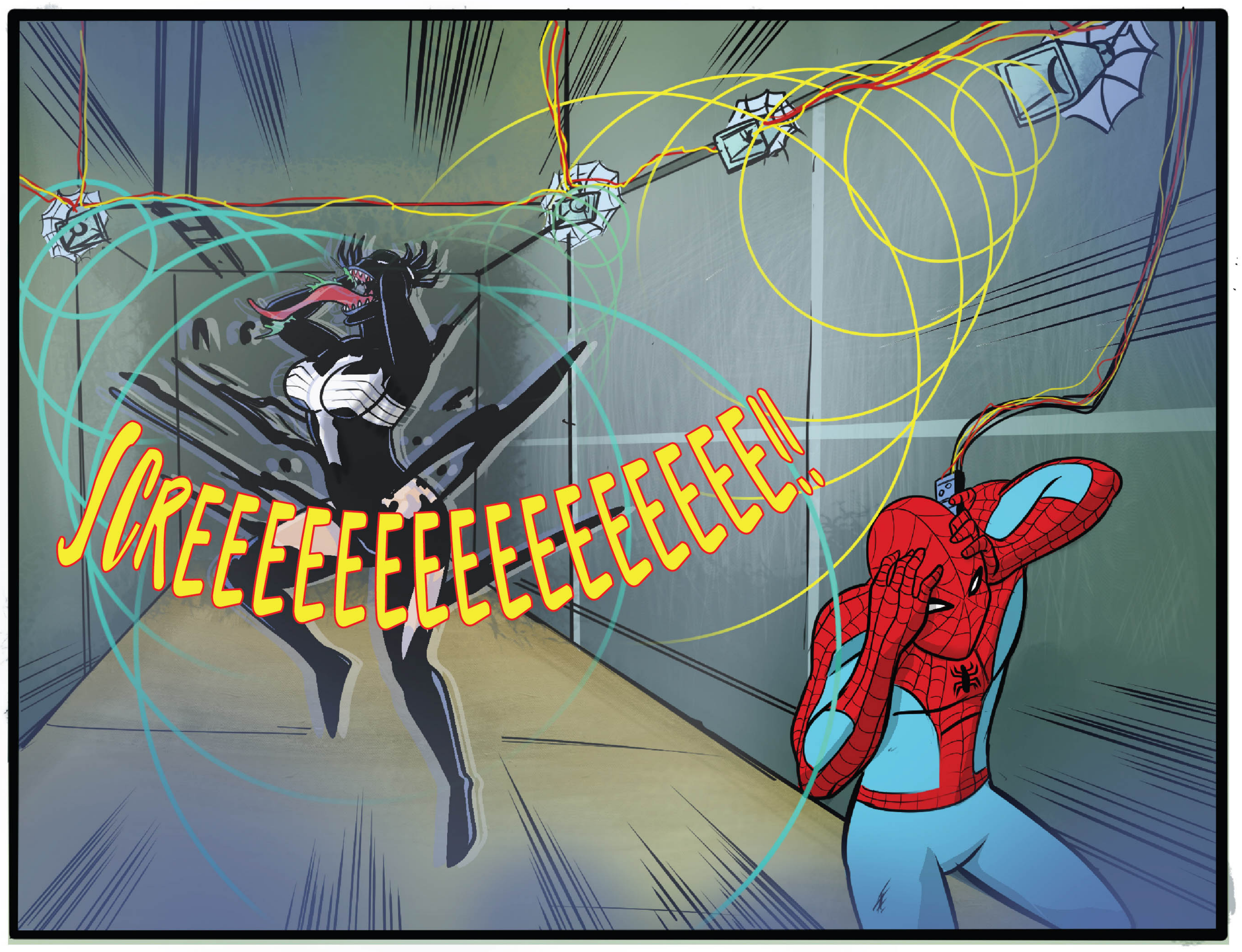
AND SO LATER THAT EVENING...
Y'KNOW PETEY, YOU ARE USUALLY A MOTORMOUTH WHEN YOU'RE AROUND ME...
BUT YOU'RE VERY QUIET THIS EVENING. IS SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND?
UMM... **NO!** NOT AT ALL FELICIA! I'M JUST ... UH ... ENJOYING THE FOOD AND AMBIENCE AND UH... THE COMPANY... THAT'S ALL!
SO YOU ENJOY MY COMPANY YOU SAY...? WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE THAT ROMANTIC WALK YOU PROMISED ME NOW?
I'M NOT REALLY INTERESTED IN DESERT ANYWAYS...
UH... YEAH, SURE. WAITER... CHECK PLEASE!
IT'S SUCH A LOVELY NIGHT OUT, ISN'T IT? LOOKIT ALL THE STARS UP THERE!
SURE IS... I'M VERY GLAD WE DID THIS.
NOT A SOUL AROUND EITHER! WE COULD DO ANYTHING WE WANTED RIGHT NOW...
I GUESS SO... AND WHAT ***EXACTLY*** DO YOU WANT TO DO FELICIA...
... OR SHOULD I SAY... ***VENOM***?!
***WHAT?!*** HOW COULD YOU POSSIBLY...
HAHAHA! I GUESS IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW YOU KNOW! YOU OWE US FOR THE PAIN YOU'VE CAUSED OUR OTHER, SPIDER-MAN! YOU ***WON'T LIVE*** TO SEE TOMORROW!
I SEE... WELL IF THAT'S HOW IT'S GOING TO BE...


PLIP!
... I GUESS WE HAD BETTER GET THIS PARTY STARTED! CATCH ME IF YOU CAN!
WE WILL DO MORE THEN CATCH YOU, SPIDER-MAN!
WE ARE GOING TO SHRED YOU TO PIECES ... AND THEN FEAST ON THE REMAINS! HAHAHAHA!
**UGH.** HEARING FELICIA'S BEAUTIFUL VOICE BEING CHANGED INTO SUCH A GUTTURAL AND MONSTROUS TONE IS NOT MUSIC TO MY EARS!
SPEAKING OF MUSIC...
PUFH!
... MY LITTLE SOUND TRAP SHOULD SHOCK THE ALIEN OFF HER, AND THEN A WEB BALL LIKE BEFORE SHOULD CONTAIN IT NICELY.
I JUST NEED TO LURE HER DOWN THERE AND...
THERE YOU ARE, ***YOU WORM!*** YOU CAN'T HIDE ***FROM US!***
POW!!!
OOOPH!
DON'T TELL ME YOU ARE ***DONE ALREADY!*** TSK TSK! TALK ABOUT FAILING TO LIVE UP TO THE HYPE!
THE SYMBIOTE DOES PACK A WALLOP FOR SURE! I HADN'T PLANNED ON HAVING TO THROW PUNCHES WITH HER BUT...


OOF!
Vosh!!
...I GUESS I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE!
YOU'RE GOING TO PAY FOR THAT!
THE CHECKS IN THE MAIL, FELICIA!
YEAH, THAT'S WHAT *EDDIE BROCK* AND THE ALIEN CALLED *THEMSELVES TOO!*
DON'T CALL US FELICIA! WE *ARE VENOM NOW!*
*BROCK WAS A FOOL!* HE DIDN'T GRASP THE ENORMITY AND SHEER *LUCK* HE HAD JOINING WITH THE ALIEN LIKE HE DID! *JUST LIKE YOU!*
NOW, THE ALIEN CAN'T BELIEVE IT EVER *CONSIDERED* BONDING WITH YOU PERMANENTLY! YOU AND BROCK'S IGNORANCE AND STUPIDITY ARE MY BLESSINGS!.
KLANG!!!
ARRRRGH!
UGH! IF THIS KEEPS UP.. I'M GOING TO GET MYSELF KILLED!
THE TRAP ROOM IS IN THE NEXT HALLWAY, HOPEFULLY *IT'S ENOUGH!*
VOSH!!
POW!!!


REMOTE TO SET THESE THINGS OFF IS OVER THERE... HURRY SPIDEY HURRY... FELICIA IS RIGHT BEHIND ME...!


THERE YOU ARE! DESPITE THE PAIN YOU'VE CAUSED US, WE'VE DECIDED TO END THIS QUICKLY AND MERCIFULLY!
OH YEAH? WELL... HOW ABOUT... THIS!?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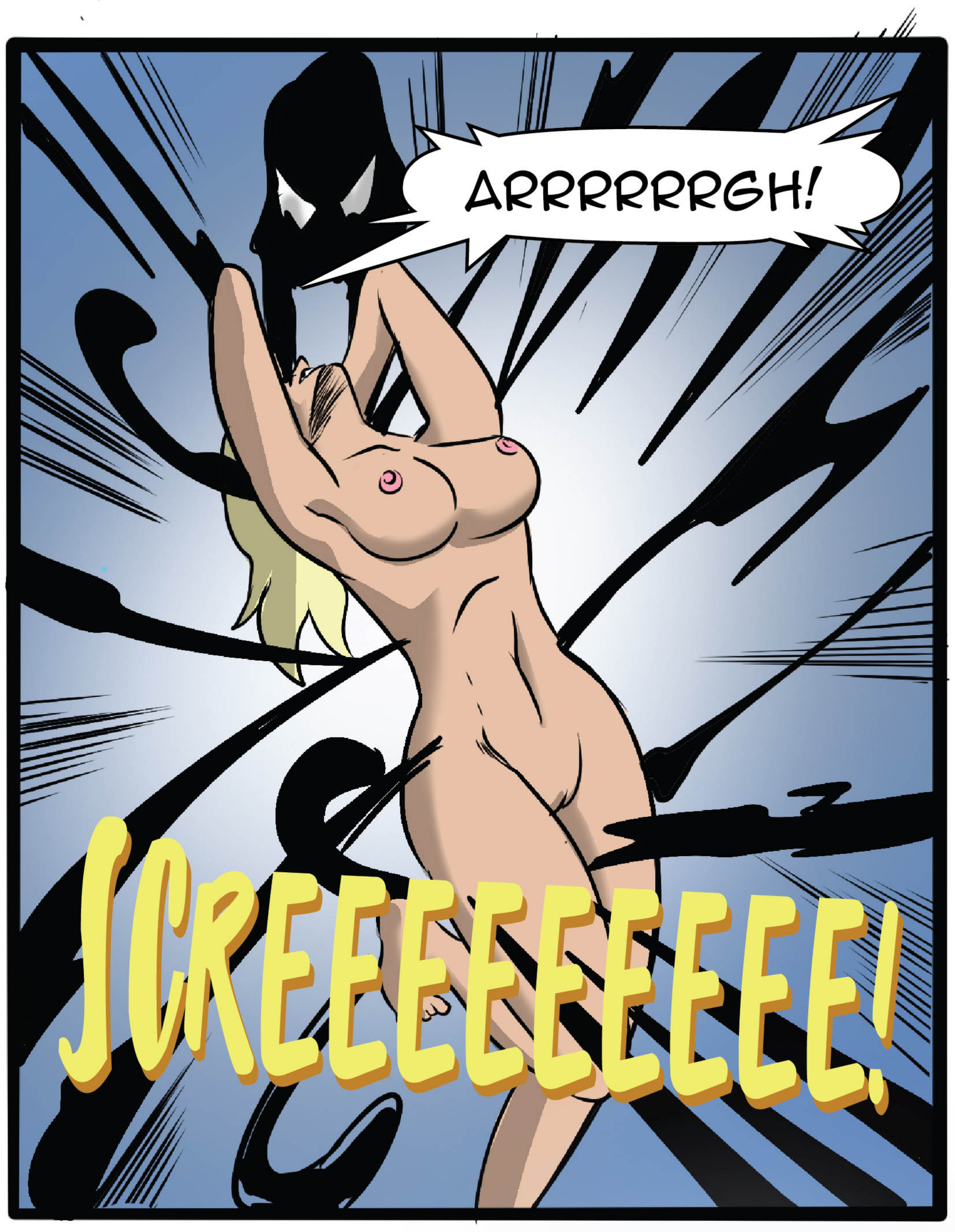
ARRRRRRGH!
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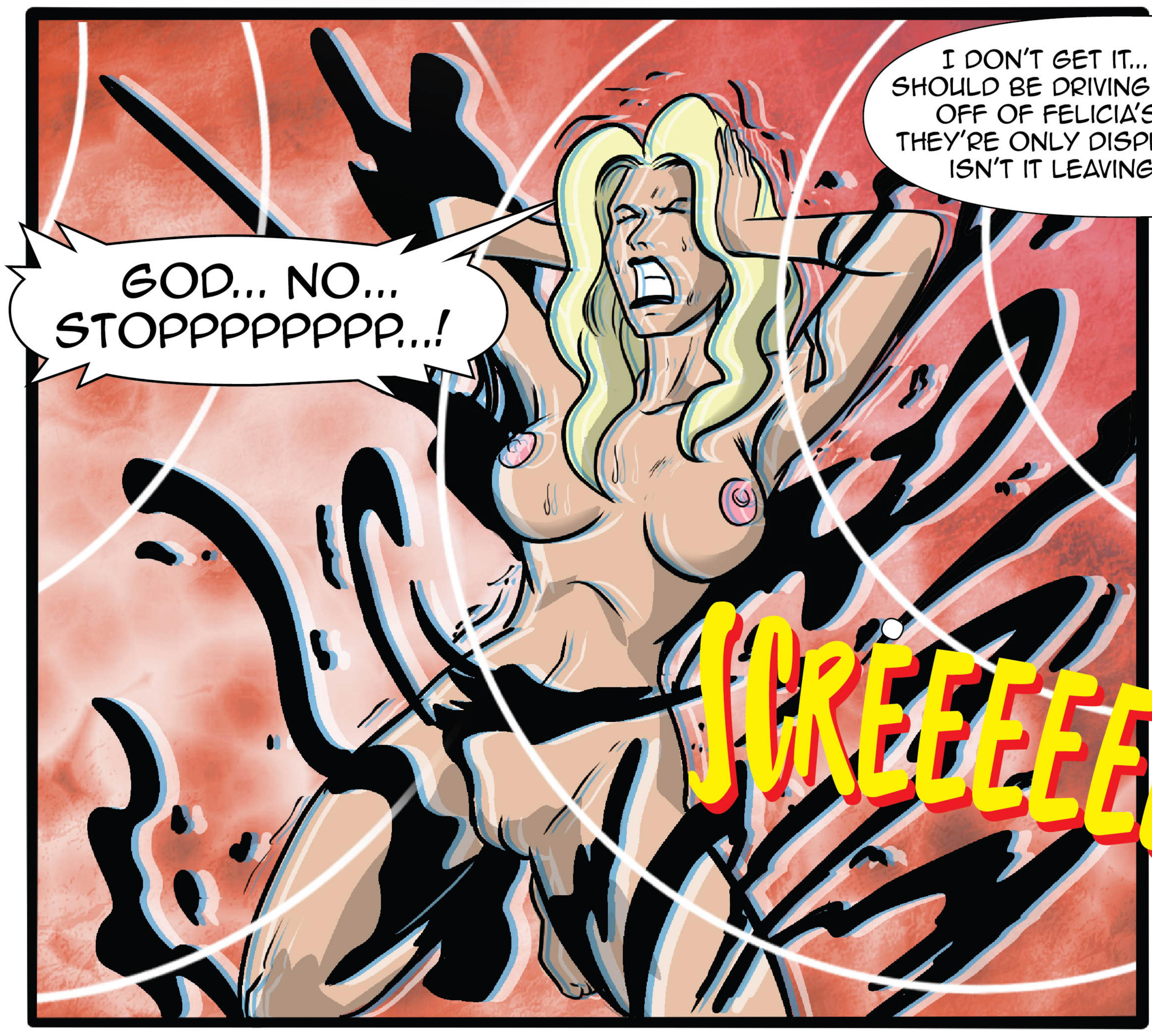
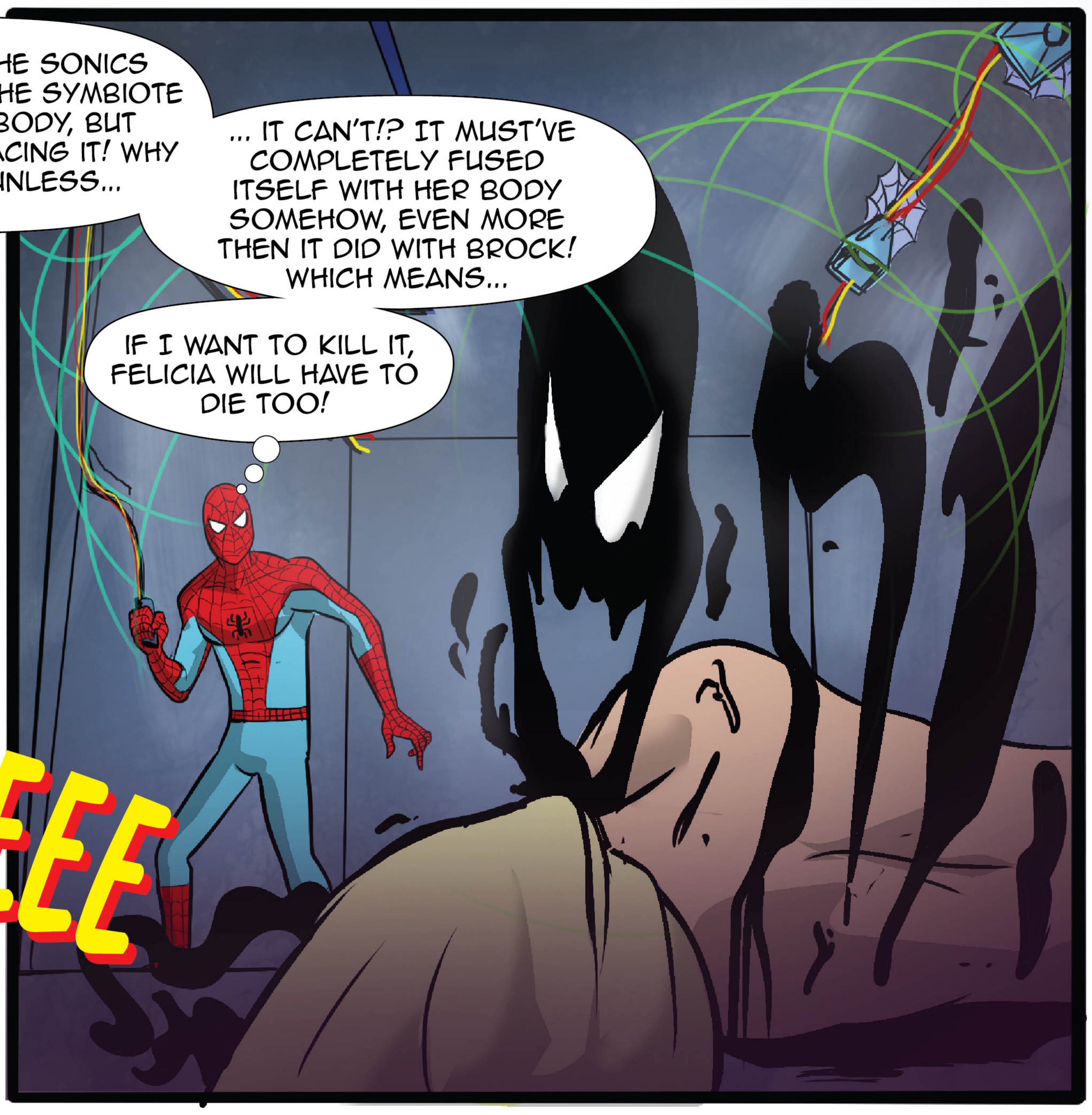
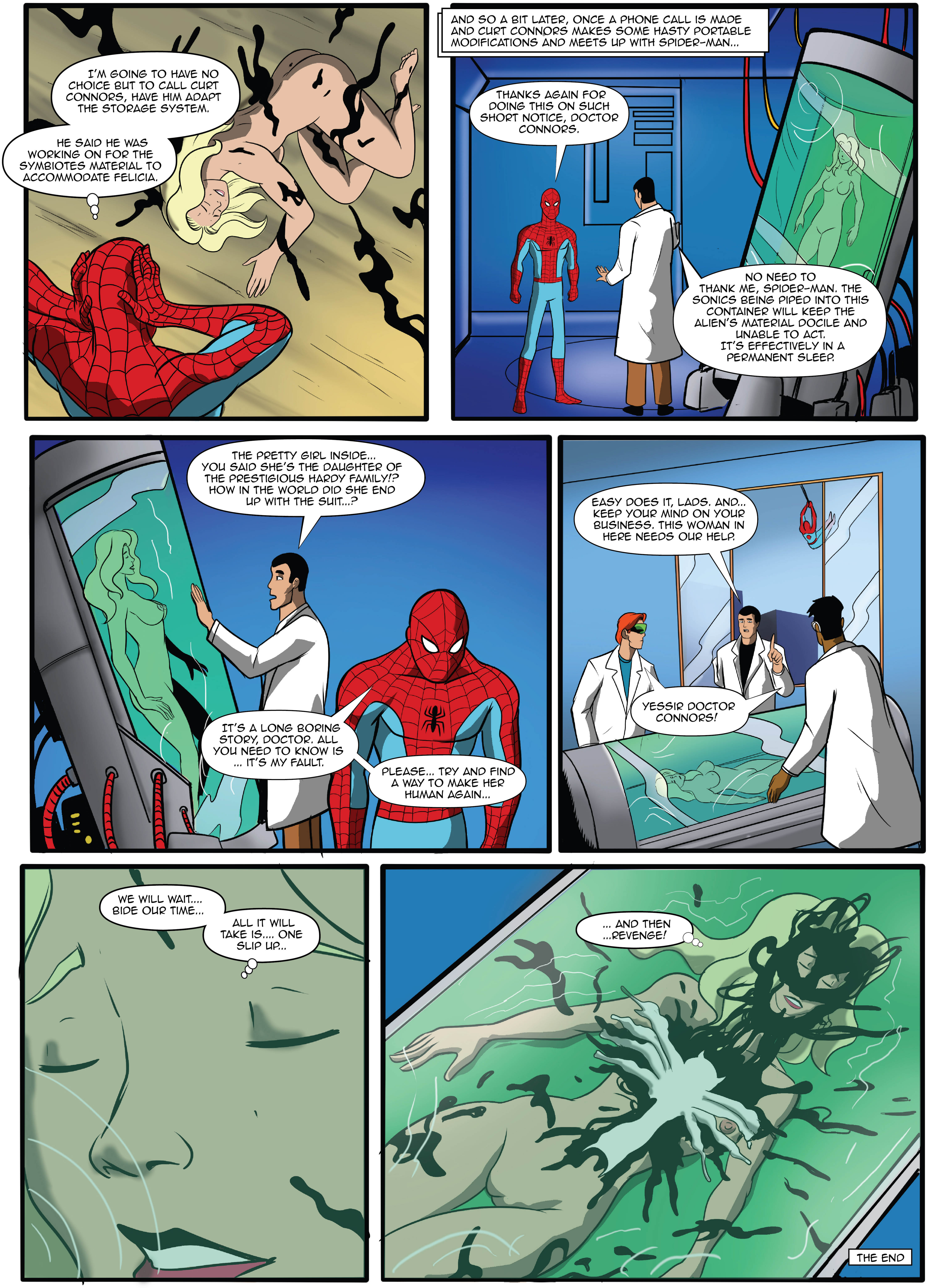

GOD... NO... STOPPPPPPPP...!
SCREEEEEEEEE


I DON'T GET IT... THE SONICS SHOULD BE DRIVING THE SYMBIOTE OFF OF FELICIA'S BODY, BUT THEY'RE ONLY DISPLACING IT! WHY ISN'T IT LEAVING UNLESS...
... IT CAN'T!? IT MUST'VE COMPLETELY FUSED ITSELF WITH HER BODY SOMEHOW, EVEN MORE THEN IT DID WITH BROCK! WHICH MEANS...
IF I WANT TO KILL IT, FELICIA WILL HAVE TO DIE TOO!


I'M GOING TO HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO CALL CURT CONNORS, HAVE HIM ADAPT THE STORAGE SYSTEM.
HE SAID HE WAS WORKING ON FOR THE SYMBIOTES MATERIAL TO ACCOMMODATE FELICIA.
AND SO A BIT LATER, ONCE A PHONE CALL IS MADE AND CURT CONNORS MAKES SOME HASTY PORTABLE MODIFICATIONS AND MEETS UP WITH SPIDER-MAN...
THANKS AGAIN FOR DOING THIS ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE, DOCTOR CONNORS.
NO NEED TO THANK ME, SPIDER-MAN. THE SONICS BEING PIPED INTO THIS CONTAINER WILL KEEP THE ALIEN'S MATERIAL DOCILE AND UNABLE TO ACT. IT'S EFFECTIVELY IN A PERMANENT SLEEP.
THE PRETTY GIRL INSIDE... YOU SAID SHE'S THE DAUGHTER OF THE PRESTIGIOUS HARDY FAMILY!? HOW IN THE WORLD DID SHE END UP WITH THE SUIT...?
IT'S A LONG BORING STORY, DOCTOR. ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW IS ... IT'S MY FAULT.
PLEASE... TRY AND FIND A WAY TO MAKE HER HUMAN AGAIN...
EASY DOES IT, LADS. AND... KEEP YOUR MIND ON YOUR BUSINESS. THIS WOMAN IN HERE NEEDS OUR HELP.
YESSIR DOCTOR CONNORS!
WE WILL WAIT.... BIDE OUR TIME...
ALL IT WILL TAKE IS.... ONE SLIP UP...
... AND THEN ...REVENGE!
THE END